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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1-P March 12, 2019

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CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER FOR
THE SERGEANT STEVE OWEN MEMORIAL PARK PLAZA PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$245,000 in Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Lancaster for the Sergeant Steve Owen Memorial Park Plaza Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited herein.
2. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$245,000 in Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Lancaster for the Sergeant Steve Owen Memorial Park Plaza Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects;

otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$245,000 in Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Lancaster (City) for the Sergeant Steve Owen Memorial Park Plaza Project (Project).

The Sergeant Steve Owen Memorial Park, formerly Lancaster City Park, was named after Sergeant Steve Owen for his memory and legacy to the community and the larger part of Antelope Valley. On October 5, 2016, he was shot and killed in the line of duty after responding to a burglary-in-progress call in the City.

The proposed Project involves the construction of a Memorial Plaza in honor of Sergeant Owen, and will consist of installation of an equine statue, landscaping and irrigation, and paving around the perimeter of the memorial. The total estimated project cost is \$245,000, which will be fully funded by the recommended Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grant when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the proposed Project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendations broadly further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Supporting the Wellness of our Communities (Goal II, Strategy 2), and Realize Tomorrow's Government of Today, Pursuing Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability (Goal III, Strategy 3) by allocating and awarding grant funds for parks and recreation-related acquisition and capital outlay projects.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in an amount not to exceed \$245,000 is budgeted in RPOSD's Excess Project Funds, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City meets this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvements projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth

Supervisory District.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director or his designee would be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The recommendations to allocate and award grant funds are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities of government grants.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be executed and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended project will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

3/12/2019

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Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WICKER

Director

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